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SUBJ: NAMIBIA: SWAPO BASES IN NAMIBIA

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WE SHARE THE VIEW EXPRESSED PARA 2, REF B. WE SUGGEST,
HOWEVER, PROBLEM MAY ARISE IF AGREEMENT ON WESTERN PROPOSAL
IS REACHED, AND WHEN IMPLEMENTATION BEGINS, SWAPO DELCARES
CERTAIN KRAALS OR AREAS AS BASES AND INSISTS THAT THESE BE
RECOGNIZED. ACCORDING TO SOUTH AFRICAN NEWS REPORTS OF
MAY 11, THE EUROPEAN INFORMATION CHIEF OF SWAPO, SHAPUA
KAUKUNGUA CLAIMED IN LONDON ON MAY 10 THAT SAM NUJOMA
REGULARLY CROSSES THE BORDER INTO NAMIBIA TO REIVEW
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THE MILTIARY POSITION OF SWAPO TROOPS INSIDE THE
TERRITORY. HE REPORTED THAT NUJOMA HAD BEEN DOING
THIS SINCE 1966. SWAPO HAS MADE THESE SORT OF CLAIMS
BEFOR. ALTHOUGH IT HAS OF COURSE NEVER IDENTIFIED
A LIBERATED AREA OR A SWAPO BASE INSIDE NAMIBIA (NOR
HAVE THE SOUTH AFRICANS), SWAPO MIGHT REFER BACK TO THESE
CLAIMS AS WELL AS TO SANDEN'S REPORT (REF A) IN ORDER

TO SUPPORT A FUTURE DEMAND FOR RECOGNITION BY THE UNSR
OF SWAPO BASES WHICH MIGHT SUDDENLY MATERIALIZE. IT WOULD
BE FAIRLY EASY FOR SWAPO TO OCCUPY A REMOTE SPOT OVERNIGHT
WITH A HAND FULL OF MEN AND RUN UP THE FLAG. AS NOTED REF A,
THE SAG WOULD STRENUOUSLY OPPOSE PERMISSION FOR ANY ARMED
SWAPO PERSONNEL TO REMAIN IN THE COUNTRY. THE IMPLICATION
ALL ALONG, AS FAR AS THE SOUTH AFRICANS ARE CONCERNED, HAS
BEEN THAT THERE WILL BE NO ARMED SWAPO PERSONNEL IN NAMIBIA
(EVEN UNDER RESTRICTION TO BASE) DURING THE TRANSITION.
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